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SUBJ: UNHRC WORKING GROUP VISIT TO CHILE

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1. FONMINISTRY MADE PUBLIC DETAILS OF WHAT APPEARS TO BE ITS REPRESENTATION TO UNSYG ON "TERMINATION" OF UNHRC WORKING GROUP (REFTEL).

2. ACCORDING TO SANTIAGO'S "EL MERCURIO", FON MINISTRY SPOKESMAN JULY 14 TOLD PRESS THAT CHILEAN DELEGATION TO UN HAD INFORMED UNSYG THAT UNHRC WORKING GROUP WHICH "WAS GOING TO COME TO CHILE CANNOT CONTINUE FUNCTIONING" (QUOTE OF NEWSPAPER'S PARAPHRASE). SPOKESMAN REPORTEDLY SAID THIS INFORMATION HAD ALSO BEEN GIVEN TO CHAIRMAN ALLANA OF UNHRC GROUP.

3. " EL MERCURIO" QUOTED SPOKESMAN AS SAYING THAT GOC WANTED TO MAKE ITS VIEWPOINT CLEAR, CONSIDERING THERE WAS INFORMATION TO EFFECT THAT WORKING GROUP HAD TAKEN TESTIMONY OUTSIDE CHILE AND INTENDED TO CONTINUE TAKING SUCH TESTIMONY WITH AIM OF ISSUING REPORT THAT "WOULD LACK THE SLIGHTEST OBJECTIVITY."

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4. REFERRING TO MARCH MEETING OF UNHRC

IN GENEVA, SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WORKING GROUP AS DEFINED WAS SUPPOSED TO COME TO CHILE AND REPORT ON THE "PRESENT CONDITION" OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE COUNTRY. HE SAID CHILE AGREED TO RECEIVE AN INVESTIGATING GROUP "THAT WOULD GIVE GUARANTEES TO RESPECT THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF WHAT WAS DECIDED BY THE (PARENT) COMMISSION, AND WOULD MAKE AN OBJECTIVE AND TRUTHFUL REPORT. THIS ACCEPTANCE WAS THE KEY AND FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT IN THE RESOLUTION. WHEN THE GOVERNMENT, FOR STRONG REASONS, DECIDED TO DENY THE GROUP ENTRANCE TO CHILE, THERE AUTOMATICALLY DISAPPEARED THE REASON THAT HAD GIVEN LIFE" TO IT.

5. SPOKESMAN REPORTEDLY SAID THAT IT WAS INCONCEIVABLE THAT WORKING GROUP, WITHOUT ENTERING CHILE, COULD MAKE A REPORT ON THE BASIS OF STATEMENTS OF EXILEES WHO WOULD NOT GIVE AN OBJECTIVE PICTURE, AND WHO WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SPEAK "TRUTHFULLY AND PRECISELY ON THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY," SINCE THEY HAD ALREADY LEFT IT, SOME OF THEM MORE THAN A YEAR AGO. THOMPSON

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